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## PARENT LIAISON PROGRAM PART OF TEMPE'S ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD

Communities In Schools' (CIS) Parent Liaison Program is one of three programs highlighted in Tempe's All-America City Award, for which Tempe has



been named one of thirty finalists. Janie Mata, the parent liaison from Frank School, will travel to Louisville, Kentucky as part of the City of Tempe's presentation along with a parent and child she has served. Parent liaisons serve Thew, Scales, and Frank Schools, located in three of the most economically disadvantaged

neighborhoods. Parent liaisons are bilingual and assist families with translation during parent-teacher conferences and school meetings. They hold parent education classes on topics chosen by the families. They often make home visits to ensure that families have what they need to support their children. If not, the parent liaison works with other community resources to get the needed assistance to the family. The role of the parent liaisons is to reach families and make them an important part of their children's success. Because a relationship has been established with families, the parent liaisons have been able to prevent more serious problems associated with economic deprivation and social isolation.

Ten communities across the nation will be named "All-America Cities" by the National Civic League (www.ncl.org) in June. For more information regarding the Parent Liaison Program contact, Lynette Stonefeld at (480) 967-2033.



